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FROM AMCONSUL ALEXANDRIA

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: CONGESTION SURCHARGE

REFERENCE: STATE 049822

1. MARITIME TRANSPORT MINISTER SICK AT HOME AND TEMPORARILY UNAVAILABLE BUT CONGEN MENTIONED PROPOSED INCREASE IN SURCHARGE FOR ALEXANDRIA CARGO TO GENERAL MANAGER PORT AUTHORITY (ADMIRAL SAMAHA) ON 13MARCH. SAMAHA IMMEDIATE REACTION WAS THAT THIS NEWS IS STINGING BLOW AT TIME HE AND COLLEAGUES DOING MAXIMUM TO EXPEDITE OFF-LOADING OF U.S. AID SHIPMENT TO EGYPT.

2. HE NOTED THAT EVERYTIME PL 480 WHEAT OR CRS FLOUR CARRIER GIVEN PRIORITY BERTH, SOME OTHER VESSEL MUST STAY LONGER IN WAITING LINE, INCLUDING SOME LADEN WITH GENERAL CARGO FROM U.S. MANY OF THESE OTHER SHIPS BY PASSED ARE ON DEMURRAGE (WHICH REPORTEDLY COST GOE LAST YEAR DOLLARS 100 MILLION IN HARD CURRENCY). HE ALSO MENTIONED YUGOSLAVS AND LEBANESE GENERAL CARGO LINES WHICH HAVE THUS FAR REFUSED TO GO ALONG WITH SURCHARGE EVEN THOUGH THEIR SHIPS ARE MORE FREQUENT CALLERS AT ALEXANDRIA THAN U.S. FLAG OR CARGO CARRYING VESSELS. IN RECENT CASE, HE SAID YUGOSLAVS GENERAL CARGO SHIP OBLIGED TO WAIT

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AT ANCHOR FROM 8 FEBRUARY UNTIL 10 MARCH, WITHOUT ANY OFF-

SETTING COMPENSATION, RECEIVING ONLY DEEPLY APPRECIATIVE SYMP-
ATHY FROM GOE FOR THEIR FORBEARANCE.

3. SAMAHA SAID HE HOPES AND EXPECTS CONGESTION AT ALEXANDRIA
PORT, DUE IN PART TO SEASONAL FACTOR INCLUDING UNUSUALLY
SEVERE WINTER, WILL BE REDUCED TO MORE REASONABLE AND TOLERABLE
LEVELS IN "TWO MONTHS OR SO" AND MADE PLEA THAT
FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF SURCHARGE INCREASE BE DEFERRED UNTIL
THAT TIME. SIGNED CHASE.
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